

remove multiple dependent claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend replacement claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, please change "one of claims 1 to 4" to ---claim 1---.

Claim 6, line 1, please change "one of claims 1 to 5" to ---claim 1---.

Claim 7, line 1, please change "one of claims 1 to 6" to ---claim 1---.

Claim 9, line 1, please change "one of claims 1 to 8" to ---claim 1---.

Claim 10, line 1, please change "one of claims 1 to 9" to ---claim 1---.

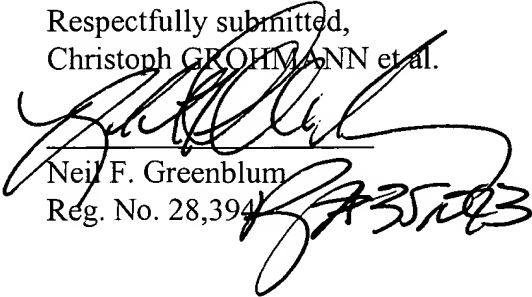
Claim 12, line 1, please delete "if dependent on claim 4".

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing replacement sheets and amendment to the claims upon which the International Preliminary Examination Report is based is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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